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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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**Proposed Data Collection Submitted for Public Comment and
Recommendations**

AGENCY: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC),
Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) .

ACTION: Notice with comment period.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as part of its continuing effort to reduce public burden and maximize the utility of government information, invites the general public and other Federal agencies the opportunity to comment on a proposed and/or continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This notice invites comment on a proposed information collection project titled Stakeholder Interviews for the Evaluation of the World Trade Center Health Program (WTCHP) for Impact Assessment and Strategic Planning for Translational Research. This project will hold a series of semi-structured interviews with members of different stakeholder groups to explore their perspectives on the translational research mission of the WTCHP, including the use of research to improve care for members and impact on key program outcomes.

DATES: CDC must receive written comments on or before [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION DATE IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. CDC-2019-0027 by any of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: Regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- Mail: Jeffrey M. Zirger, Information Collection Review Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road, N.E., MS-D74, Atlanta, Georgia 30329.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and Docket Number. CDC will post, without change, all relevant comments to Regulations.gov.

Please note: Submit all comments through the Federal eRulemaking portal (regulations.gov) or by U.S. mail to the address listed above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the information collection plan and instruments, contact Leroy A. Richardson, Information Collection Review Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road, N.E., MS-D74, Atlanta, Georgia 30329; phone: 404-639-7570; E-mail: omb@cdc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), Federal agencies must obtain

approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. In addition, the PRA also requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information, including each new proposed collection, each proposed extension of existing collection of information, and each reinstatement of previously approved information collection before submitting the collection to the OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, we are publishing this notice of a proposed data collection as described below.

The OMB is particularly interested in comments that will help:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of

appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

5. Assess information collection costs.

Proposed Project

Stakeholder Interviews for the Evaluation of the World Trade Center Health Program for Impact Assessment and Strategic Planning for Translational Research - New - National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background and Brief Description

The World Trade Center Health Program (WTCHP) was established by the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2010, Public Law 111-347 (hereafter referred to as "the Zadroga Act"). Under subtitle C, the Zadroga Act requires the establishment of a research program on health conditions resulting from the 9/11 terrorist attacks. The Research-to-Care (RTC) model is the strategic framework employed by the WTCHP to prioritize, conduct, and assess research that informs excellence in clinical care for the population of responders and survivors affected by the 9/11 attack in New York City.

The RTC model assumes the collective involvement of WTCHP stakeholders, including members, researchers, clinicians, and program administrators. It accounts for a variety of inputs that can affect the progress and impact of WTCHP research. These inputs include people and organizations (e.g., program members, providers, clinical centers of excellence, extramural researchers, and program staff), resources (e.g., technology, data centers, the NYC 9/11 Health Registry) and regulatory rules (principally the Zadroga Act). The program supports activities such as research prioritization, conduct of research, delivery of medical care, and iterative assessments of the translation of research to improvements in health care services and chronic disease management. These activities aim to produce tangible outputs such as research findings on WTC-related conditions, healthcare protocols, peer-reviewed publications, quality assessment reports, and member and provider education products. Finally, the model anticipates short-, intermediate-, and long-term measurement of outcomes and serves as a communication tool for program planning and evaluation.

In 2016, NIOSH contracted with the RAND Corporation to evaluate the WTCHP RTC model including the research investments to date and the effectiveness with which the Program translates its research to different stakeholder groups. This work will ultimately provide guidance for the WTCHP on strategic

directions, as well as produce knowledge about the translation of research into improved outcomes for individuals and populations exposed to disasters such as the 9/11 attacks. As a part of this evaluation, we will hold a series of interviews with representatives of different stakeholder groups to explore their perspectives on translational research in the context of the WTCHP. These interviews are necessary to gather information on the translation of WTCHP-supported research into better care for members, the impact of this research, and stakeholders' views on future directions for the program. Interview responses will be incorporated into RAND's overall assessment of the WTCHP program's research portfolio and will inform recommendations for future research investments and strategic direction. We will conduct 20 semi-structured, in-depth interviews by telephone that will last approximately 1 hour each.

The interview will address specific topics including stakeholder views on key findings from a large systematic review of WTC-related research conducted in a separate part of this evaluation, adherence of WTCHP-supported research to key principles of translational research, and opportunities for future directions for the WTCHP.

OMB approval is requested for one year. The total estimated burden is 17 hours. Participation is voluntary, and there are no costs to the respondent other than their time.

Estimated Annualized Burden Hours

Type of Respondent	Form Name	Number of Respondents	Number of Responses per Respondent	Average Burden per Response (in hours)	Total Burden (in hours)
Principal Investigators of WTCHP-Funded Research	Interview Discussion Guide and Brief Demographic Survey	4	1	1	4
Leadership from WTC Clinical Centers of Excellence	Interview Discussion Guide and Brief Demographic Survey	3	1	1	3
WTC Health Registry staff	Interview Discussion Guide and Brief Demographic Survey	1	1	1	1
Clinicians Caring for WTCHP Members	Interview Discussion Guide and Brief Demographic Survey	2	1	1	2
WTCHP Responders and Survivors (State/local govt)	Interview Discussion Guide and Brief Demographic Survey	3	1	1	3
WTCHP Responders and Survivors (private citizens)	Interview Discussion Guide and Brief Demographic Survey	4	1	1	4

Total	17
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